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DOCKET NO. 2019-182-E

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (Act 62 of 2019/H.B. 3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket Regarding Current Net Energy Metering Program and the Value of Energy Produced by Customer-Generators

Recently codified S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 became effective when Governor Henry McMaster signed Act 62 of 2019, which is also known as the "South Carolina Energy Freedom Act." This Act became effective on May 16, 2019.

S. C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(A) provides:

It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(1) build upon the successful deployment of solar generating capacity through Act 236 of 2014 to continue enabling market driven, private investment in distributed energy resources across the State by reducing regulatory and administrative burdens to customer installation and utilization of onsite distributed energy resources;

(2) avoid disruption to the growing market for customer scale distributed energy resources; and

(3) require the commission to establish solar choice metering requirements that fairly allocate costs and benefits to eliminate any cost shift or subsidization associated with net metering to the greatest extent practicable.

As it relates to the generic docket, S. C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C) states:

No later than January 1, 2020, the commission shall open a generic docket to:

(1) investigate and determine the costs and benefits of the current net energy metering program; and

(2) establish a methodology for calculating the value of the energy produced by customer generators.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

A copy of the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (Act 62 of 2019/H.B.3659) can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2019-182-E.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before September 17, 2020, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2019-182-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket. Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before September 17, 2020. Please refer to Docket No. 2019-182-E.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual generic docket hearing, pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C), S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, and Commission Order No. 2020-570 on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The virtual generic docket hearing may continue through **November 18, 2020**, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and intervenors only):

** On or before 11/3/2020, please provide the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing and whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing.

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all

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Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: All Interested Persons Direct Testimony Due: 10/8/2020 and All Interested Persons Responses to Direct Testimony (Rebuttal Testimony) Due: 10/29/2020. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2019-182-E.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2019-182-E.

Each Party of Record prefiling testimony should refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2019-182-E for Commission Orders and Directives which address the substance of prefile testimony in this generic proceeding.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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